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Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period February 2024

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Key statistics

In trend terms, in February 2024:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.8%.
- participation rate decreased to 66.6%.
- employment increased to 14,232,300.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.1%.
- underemployment rate remained at 6.6%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,909 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in February 2024:

- unemployment rate decreased to 3.7%.
- participation rate increased to 66.7%.

- employment increased to 14,269,600.
- employment to population ratio increased to 64.2%.
- underemployment rate decreased to 6.6%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,933 million.
- full-time employment increased by 78,200 to 9,824,900 people.
- part-time employment increased by 38,300 to 4,444,700 people.

Key statistics - Trend

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,205,600	14,232,300	26,600	0.2%	379,900	2.7%
Unemployed people	565,700	562,200	-3,500	-0.6%	52,400	10.3%
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.8%	0.0 pts	na	0.3 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.6%	6.6%	0.0 pts	na	0.5 pts	na
Participation rate	66.7%	66.6%	0.0 pts	na	0.1 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,913 million	1,909 million	-4 million	-0.2%	-11 million	-0.6%

Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change	Yearly change (%)
Employed people	14,153,100	14,269,600	116,500	0.8%	437,100	3.1%
Unemployed people	600,200	548,300	-52,000	-8.7%	35,000	6.0%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.7%	-0.4 pts	na	0.1 pts	na
Underemployment rate	6.7%	6.6%	-0.1 pts	na	0.7 pts	na
Participation rate	66.6%	66.7%	0.1 pts	na	0.3 pts	na
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,879 million	1,933 million	53 million	2.8%	15 million	0.8%

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/feb-2024#glossary\)](#).

Survey impacts and changes

Article

As part of ongoing improvements to the estimation method for Labour Force statistics, in this month's release, the ABS has implemented some minor changes in how it accounts for some relatively small population groups within the sample. This has resulted in revisions to the original Labour Force series from August 2016. [Revision analysis from improvements to Labour Force estimation method \(/articles/revisions-improvements-labour-force-estimation-method\)](#) provides with an impact analysis of the expected

improvements to the Labour Force estimates.

For a list of previously published LFS articles, see the [Article archive \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#article-archive\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#article-archive).

Quarterly rebenchmarking of labour force statistics

The ABS has revised the original Labour Force series from July 2022 to reflect the latest available preliminary and final estimates of the Estimated Resident Population. This quarterly process ensures that the Labour Force series promptly reflect any change in population trends and minimises the size of revisions that can occur when the series are rebenchmarked following each Census of Population and Housing.

The usual resident civilian population in December 2023 was revised down by around 0.1% (around 17,000 people).

Revisions to original series also result in revisions to seasonally adjusted series.

Seasonal adjustment and trend estimates

The ABS will be undertaking an 'Annual Series Review' (ASR) of Labour Force series, ahead of the release of April 2024 data (on 16 May 2024). The ASR utilises the context gained from an additional year of original data to assess the appropriateness of seasonal adjustment parameters and prior corrections. The outcome of this process will be summarised in a future release.

New Labour Force Survey sample phase-in

Since July 2018, the Labour Force Survey sample has been selected using information collected in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. The quality of the Labour Force sample is maintained by updating it with information from the most recent Census.

From September 2023, the sample frame has been updated with information from the 2021 Census, with sample selection from the new sample being phased in over eight months from September 2023 to April 2024.

This update is expected to have minimal impact on sample selection, and as with previous sample changes, will be monitored.

For more information please refer to [Sample Design of Labour Force, Australia Methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/feb-2024#sample-design\)](/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/feb-2024#sample-design).

Update on enhanced regional labour market data

As part of ongoing improvements to the estimation method for Labour Force statistics, the ABS is also developing improved monthly regional labour force estimates.

The first monthly release of the new modelled SA4 estimates will be in early May 2024, one week after the release of March 2024 issue of [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release), with March 2024 being the latest month of data available.

Survey response and timeline

The February Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 4 February to Saturday 17

February, and collected over the period from Sunday 11 February to Saturday 2 March.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

Reference and Enumeration Dates

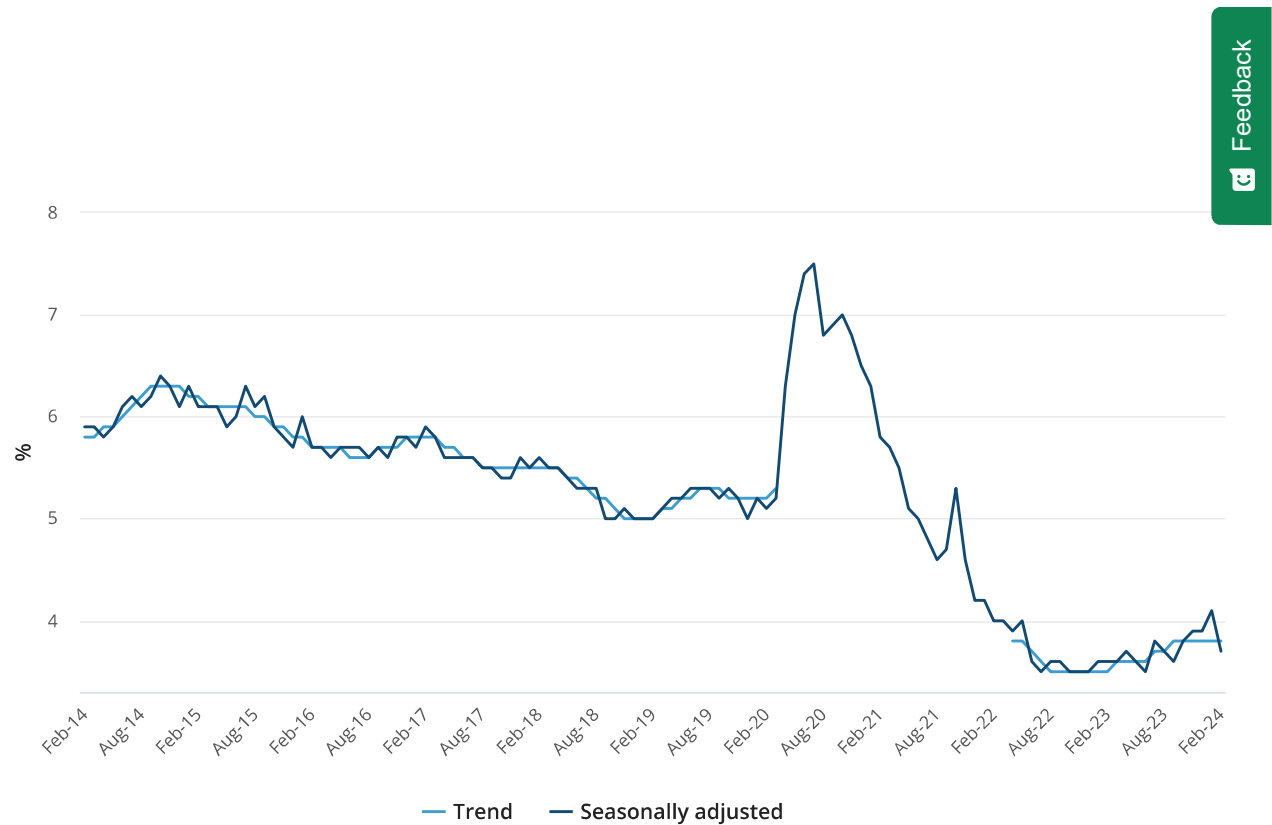
Publication	Start of Reference Week	End of Reference Week	Start of Enumeration	End of Enumeration
Jan-24	31st December 2023	13th January 2024	7th January 2024	27th January 2024
Feb-24	4th February 2024	17th February 2024	11th February 2024	2nd March 2024
Mar-24	3rd March 2024	16th March 2024	10th March 2024	30th March 2024
Apr-24	31st March 2024	13th April 2024	7th April 2024	27th April 2024
May-24	28th April 2024	11th May 2024	5th May 2024	25th May 2024
Jun-24	2nd June 2024	15th June 2024	9th June 2024	29th June 2024

Unemployment

In trend terms, in February 2024:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.8%.
- unemployed people decreased by 3,500 to 562,200.
- youth unemployment rate remained at 9.3%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, February 2024 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/feb-2024\)](#).

Employment

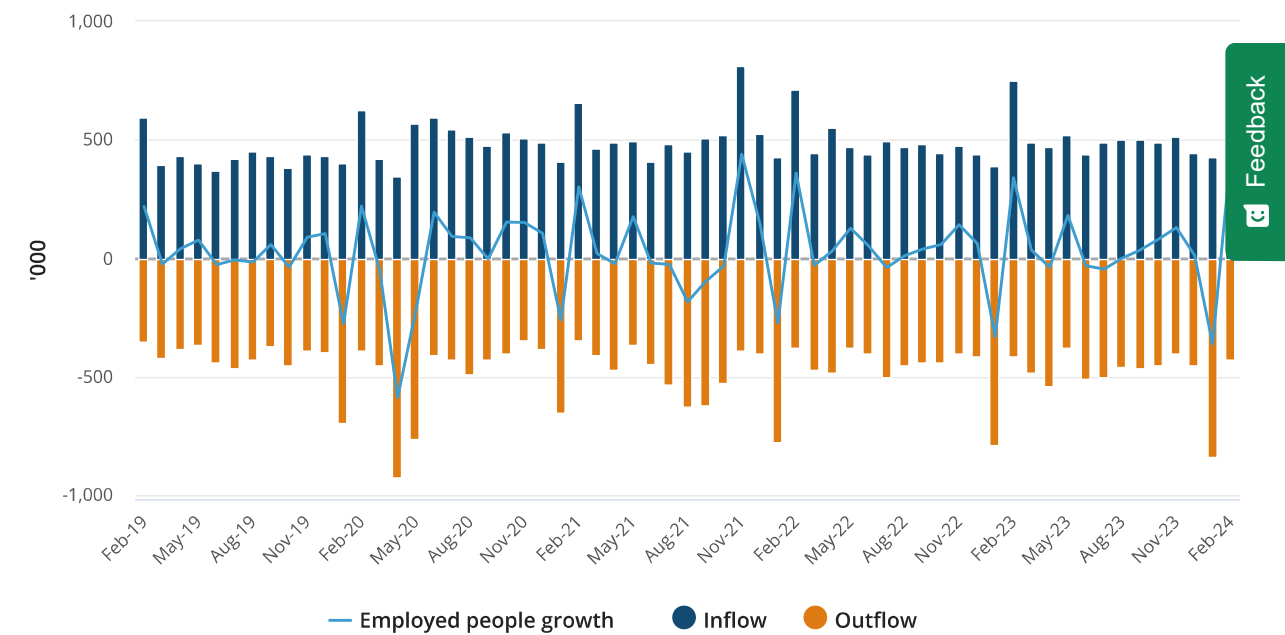
In trend terms, in February 2024, employment increased by 26,600 people (0.2%) to 14,232,300 people.

Flows into and out of employment

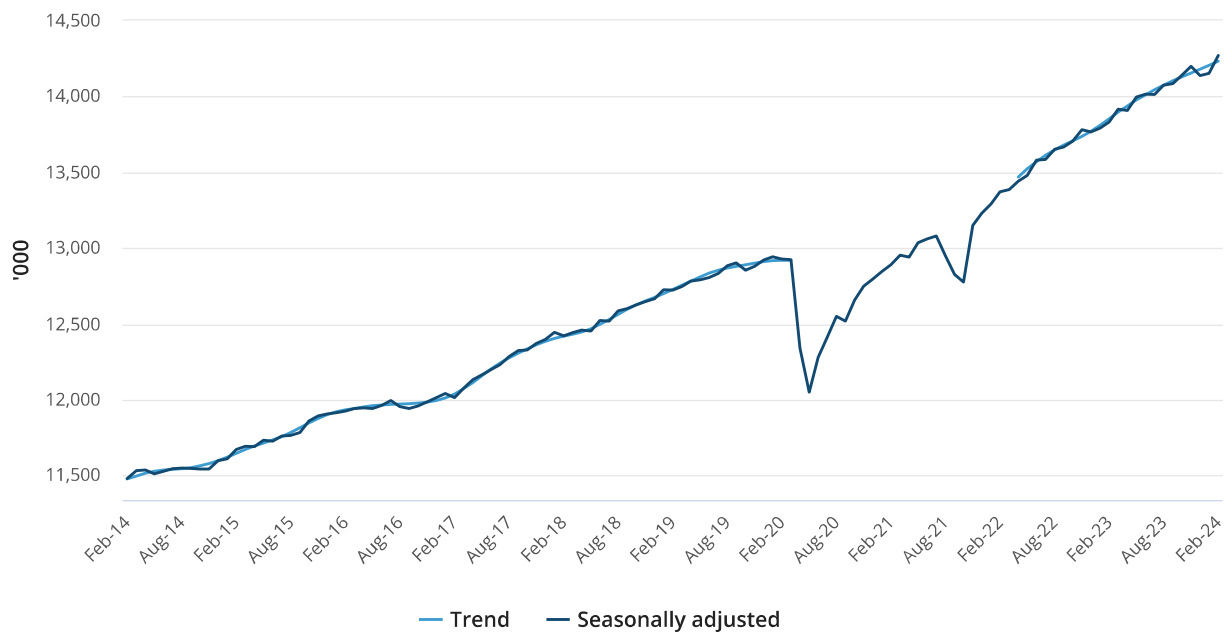
Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

For February 2024, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 880,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in January 2024 but were employed in February 2024), while around 428,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in January 2024 but not employed in February 2024). This contrasts with January 2023, where around 425,000 people entered employment and around 834,000 people left employment.

Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in February 2024:

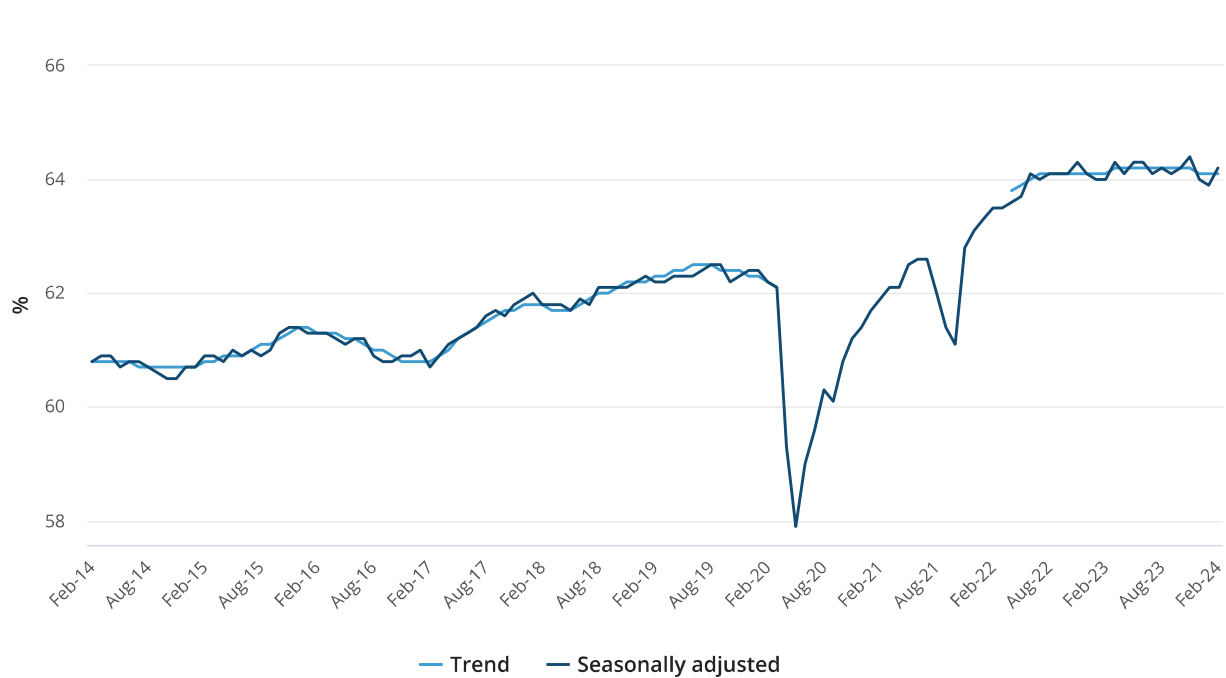
- full-time employment increased by 13,000 to 9,809,000 people, and part-time employment increased by 13,700 to 4,423,300 people.
- part-time share of employment was 31.1%.

Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in February 2024, the employment-to-population ratio remained at 64.1%.

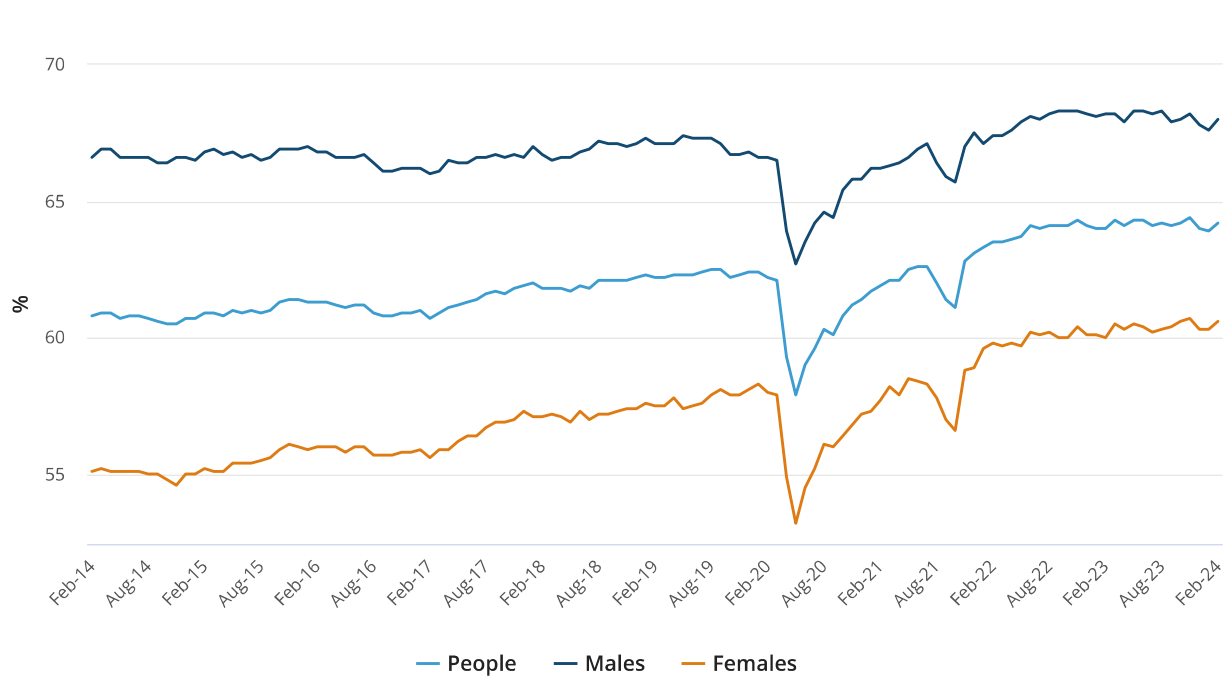
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

Employment-to-population ratio



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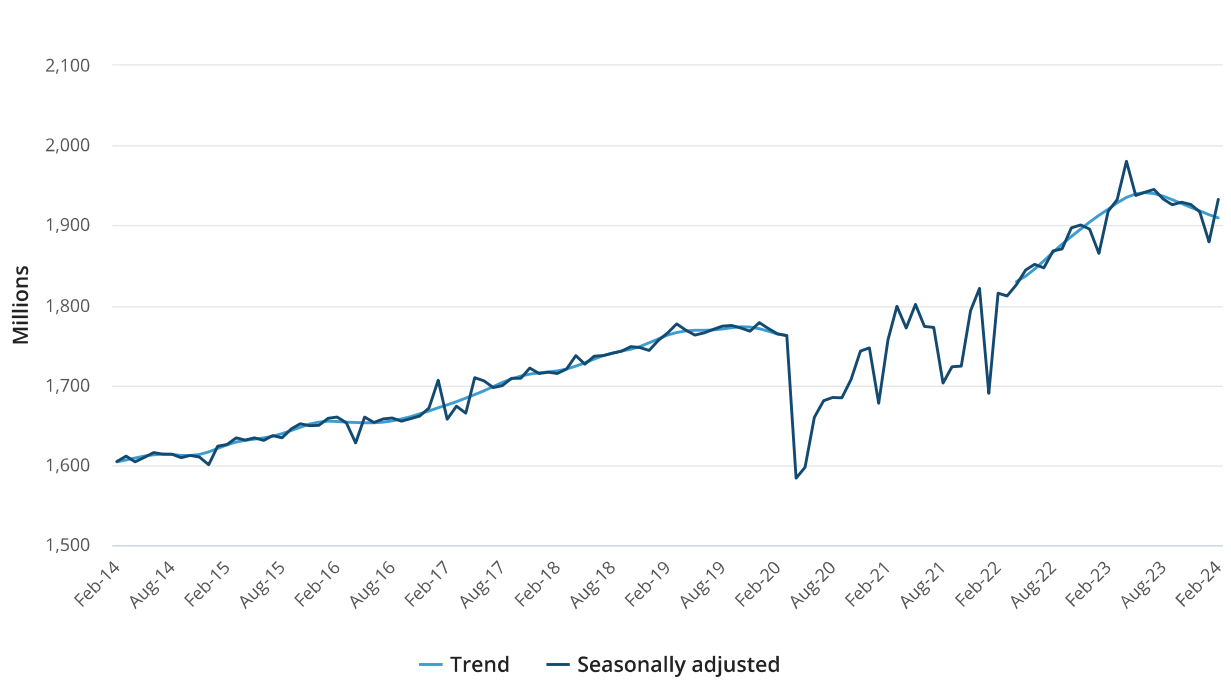
Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



Hours worked

In trend terms, in February 2024, monthly hours worked in all jobs decreased by 4.1 million hours (-0.2%) to 1,909 million hours.

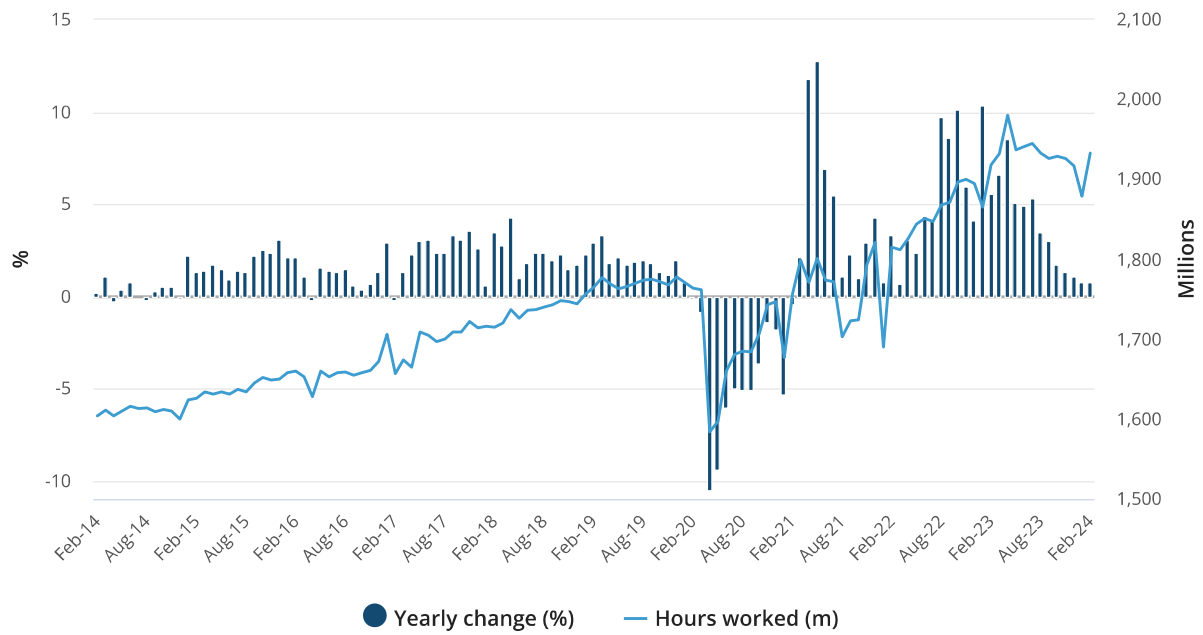
Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted

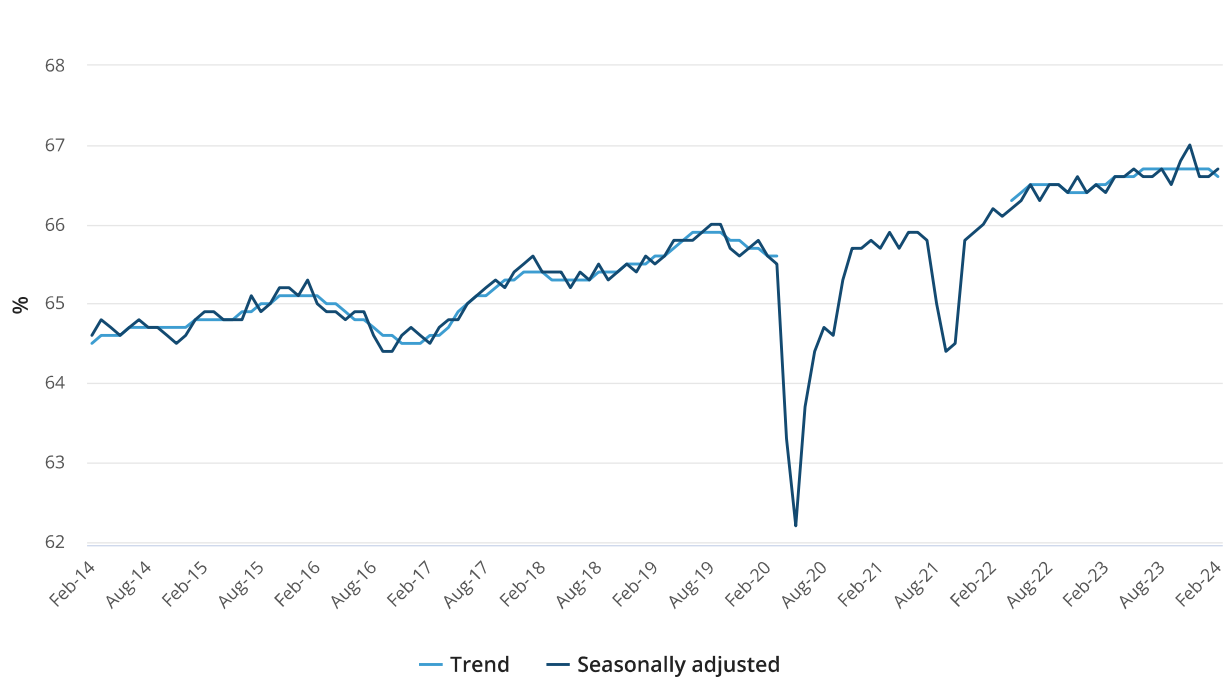


Participation

In trend terms, in February 2024, the participation rate:

- decreased to 66.6%.
- decreased to 70.5% for men and decreased to 62.8% for women.

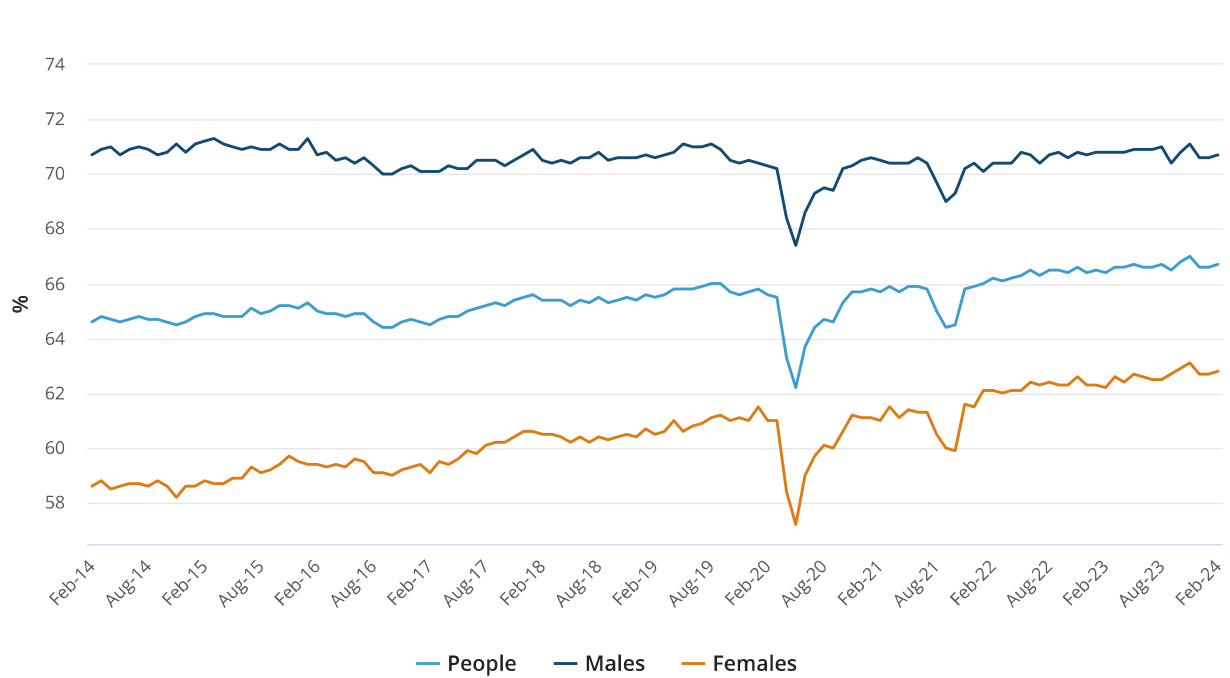
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Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

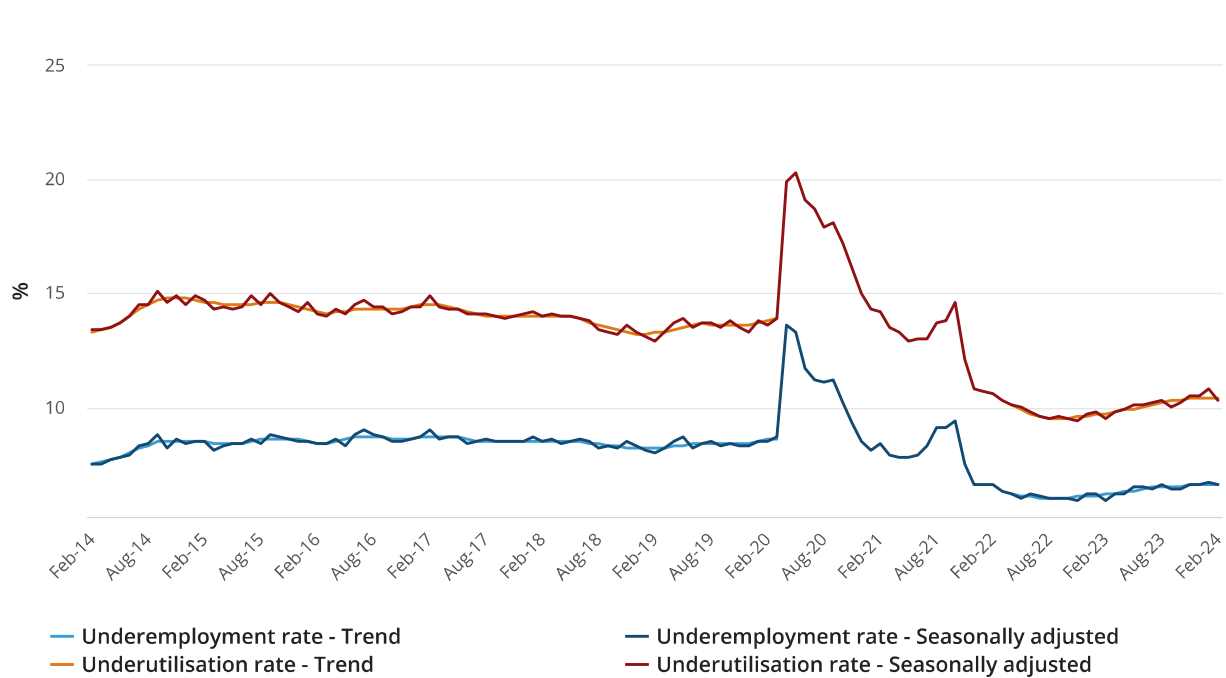


Underemployment

In trend terms, in February 2024:

- underemployment rate remained at 6.6%.
- underutilisation rate remained at 10.4%.

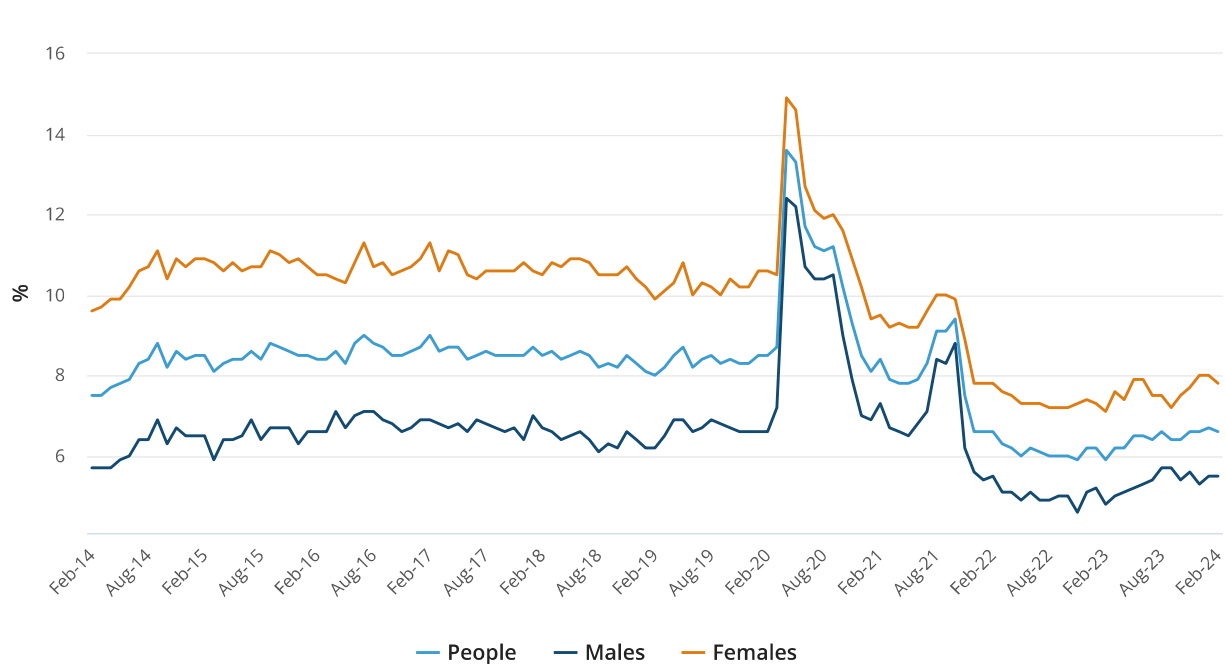
Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



States and Territories

February 2024 - Trend



	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,419,400	3,692,400	2,903,700	945,600	1,590,400	281,800	138,900	264,500	
Employed people - monthly change	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.1%	
Employment to population ratio	63.6%	64.6%	64.2%	60.8%	66.4%	58.6%	70.5%	68.9%	
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.4 pts	-0.2 pts	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%	
Unemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	
Underemployment rate	6.4%	7.1%	6.9%	7.3%	6.2%	7.2%	4.0%	5.0%	
Underemployment rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	0.1 pts	0.0 pts	
Participation rate	66.0%	67.2%	66.8%	63.2%	69.0%	61.2%	73.8%	71.9%	

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Participation rate - monthly change	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	0.1 pts	-0.2 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	0.4 pts	-0.2 pts	

February 2024 - Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Employed people	4,416,700	3,700,700	2,910,900	949,900	1,601,700	280,800	139,400	264,400	
Employed people - monthly change	0.6%	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	1.7%	-0.1%	0.9%	1.3%	
Employment to population ratio	63.5%	64.7%	64.3%	61.1%	66.8%	58.3%	70.7%	68.8%	
Employment to population ratio - monthly change	0.3 pts	0.3 pts	0.5 pts	0.6 pts	0.9 pts	-0.1 pts	0.5 pts	0.7 pts	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.9%	3.9%	3.2%	3.6%	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%	
Unemployment rate - monthly change	-0.5 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.8 pts	-0.7 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts	-0.1 pts	
Underemployment rate	6.3%	7.1%	6.9%	7.3%	6.4%	7.3%	4.1%	4.8%	
Underemployment rate - monthly change	-0.3 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.5 pts	0.3 pts	0.5 pts	0.4 pts	-0.7 pts	
Participation rate	65.9%	67.3%	66.9%	63.1%	69.3%	61.1%	73.9%	71.8%	
Participation rate - monthly change	-0.1 pts	0.3 pts	0.4 pts	0.1 pts	0.4 pts	-0.1 pts	0.5 pts	0.6 pts	

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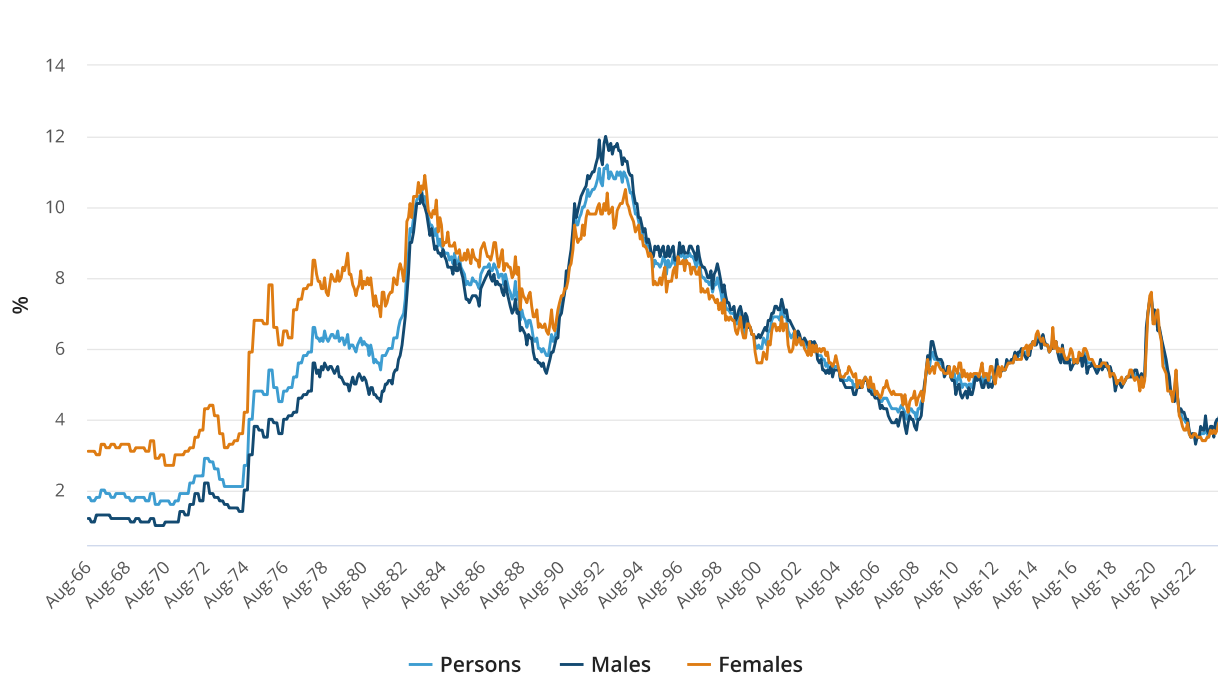
Historical charts

Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to February 2024

Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/feb-2024#history-of-changes\)](#) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to February 2024, Seasonally adjusted

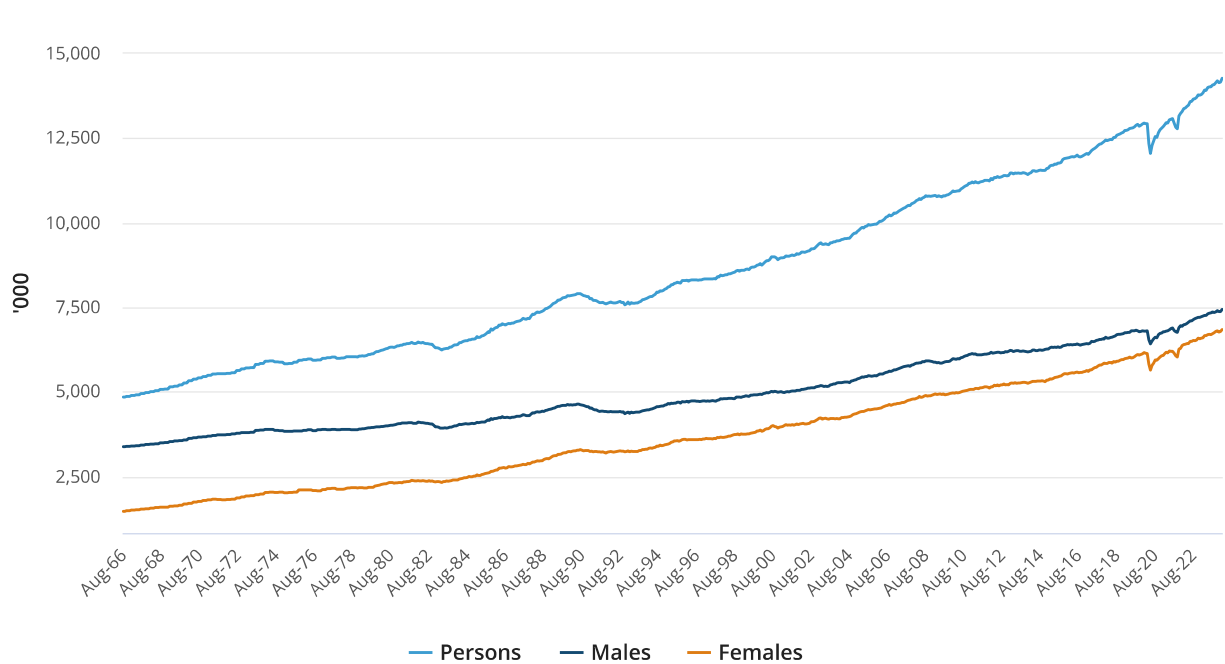


February 1978 to February 2024 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

Source: [6204.0.55.001 Labour Force Historical Timeseries, Australia, 1966-1984, Seasonally adjusted estimates of the labour force by sex and marital status - 1966-1977](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument>) and [6202.0 Labour Force, Australia, Table 1](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#data-downloads) ([/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#data-downloads](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#data-downloads)).

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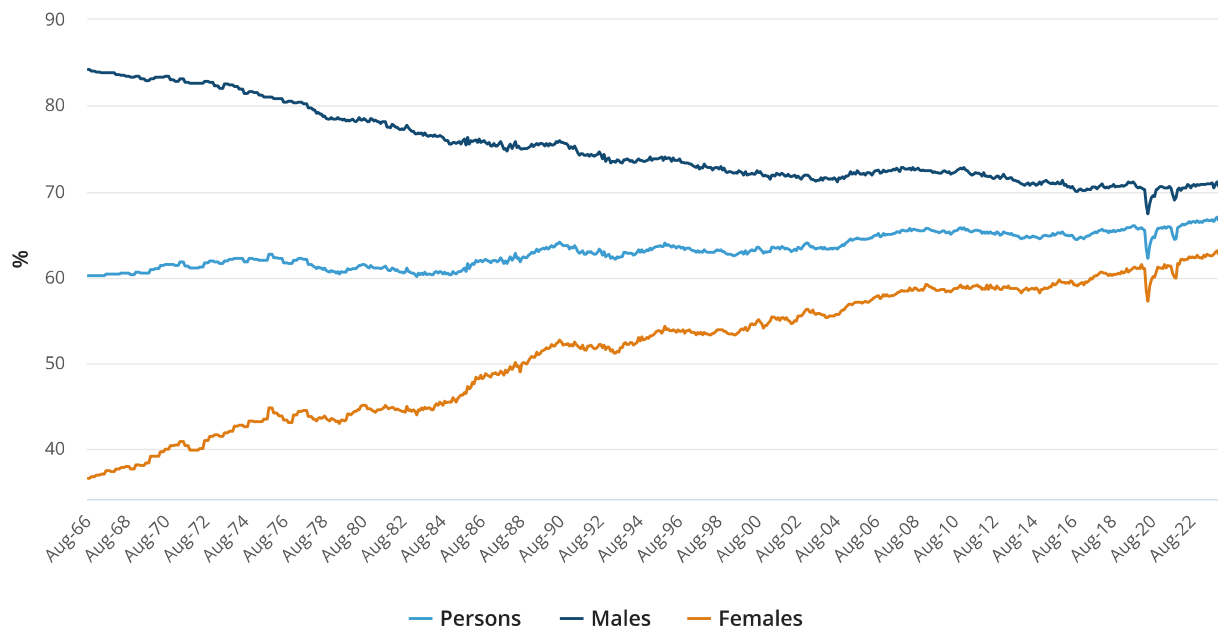
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Unemployed people, Australia, August 1966 to February 2024, Seasonally adjusted



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Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to February 2024, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to February 2024 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

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Rotation group analysis

Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different

groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

	January outgoing rotation group	February incoming rotation group	February outgoing rotation group	February estimate (Original)
Employment to population ratio	64.4%	65.9%	63.7%	65.4%
Full-time employment to population ratio	45.2%	46.0%	43.9%	45.3%
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.4%	4.2%	4.1%
Participation rate	66.9%	69.0%	66.5%	68.1%

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States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. In February, there were no noteworthy differences in the responding sample that were contributing to monthly movements for any of the states and territories. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Contribution from sample components to estimates

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Data downloads

Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release
2. Additional, more detailed spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this first release
3. Longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab on a monthly basis, one day after the detailed release (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#).)

See the [Survey output \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/feb-2024#survey-output\)](#) section of Labour Force, Australia methodology for more information.

Labour Force status

Table 1. Labour force status by Sex, Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 4. Labour force status by Sex, New South Wales - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 5. Labour force status by Sex, Victoria - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 6. Labour force status by Sex, Queensland - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 8. Labour force status by Sex, Western Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 9. Labour force status by Sex, Tasmania - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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Table 10. Labour force status by Sex, Northern Territory - Trend and Original

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Table 10a. Labour force status by Sex, Northern Territory - Seasonally adjusted

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